MOUNT ELPHINSTONE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role

The **primary role** of Mount Elphinstone Provincial Park is to protect a mixed old growth and second growth forest and the very diverse and rich fungi populations associated with the forest. The park protects a relatively undisturbed lower elevation forest in three separate sites and provides the biogeoclimatic conditions appropriate for extensive fungi populations.

Secondary Role

The **secondary role** is to provide local and regional recreation opportunities for fungi interpretation and viewing, hiking and mountain biking.

Known Management Issues	**Response**
The boundary of Site 2 of the park was incorrectly identified during the designation process and needs to be readjusted.	Environmental Stewardship is now discussing a boundary adjustment with Ministry of Forests and will work towards a legislative change.
All three of the park sites are relatively small and could be impacted by adjacent development or forestry activities.	Work with adjacent management agencies and land owners to protect park values.
Unauthorized trail developments could negatively impact natural values in the park.	Ensure local community and organizations are aware of park boundaries and mandate, work with local groups to prevent unauthorized developments.

Zoning

Natural Environment - The entire park is zoned Natural Environment to allow protection of the forest and fungi values while continuing to allow mountain biking and hiking activities and associated trail facilities.

Conservation

Representation		
- ecosection	☐	Minor contributor to the under represented Georgia Lowland (GEL) Ecosection (8.44%).
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant	☐	Negligible contribution to the under-represented CWHdm (5.89% protected).
Special Feature	☐	
Rare/Endangered Values	☒	Fungi populations.
Scientific/Research Opportunities	☒	Fungi populations.

Recreation

Representation		
backcountry	☐	
destination	☐	
travel corridor	☐	
local recreation	☒	Mountain biking, hiking.
Special Opportunities	☐	
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	☒	Fungi and forest values.

Cultural Heritage

Representation	☐	Unknown but probable.
Special Feature	☐	

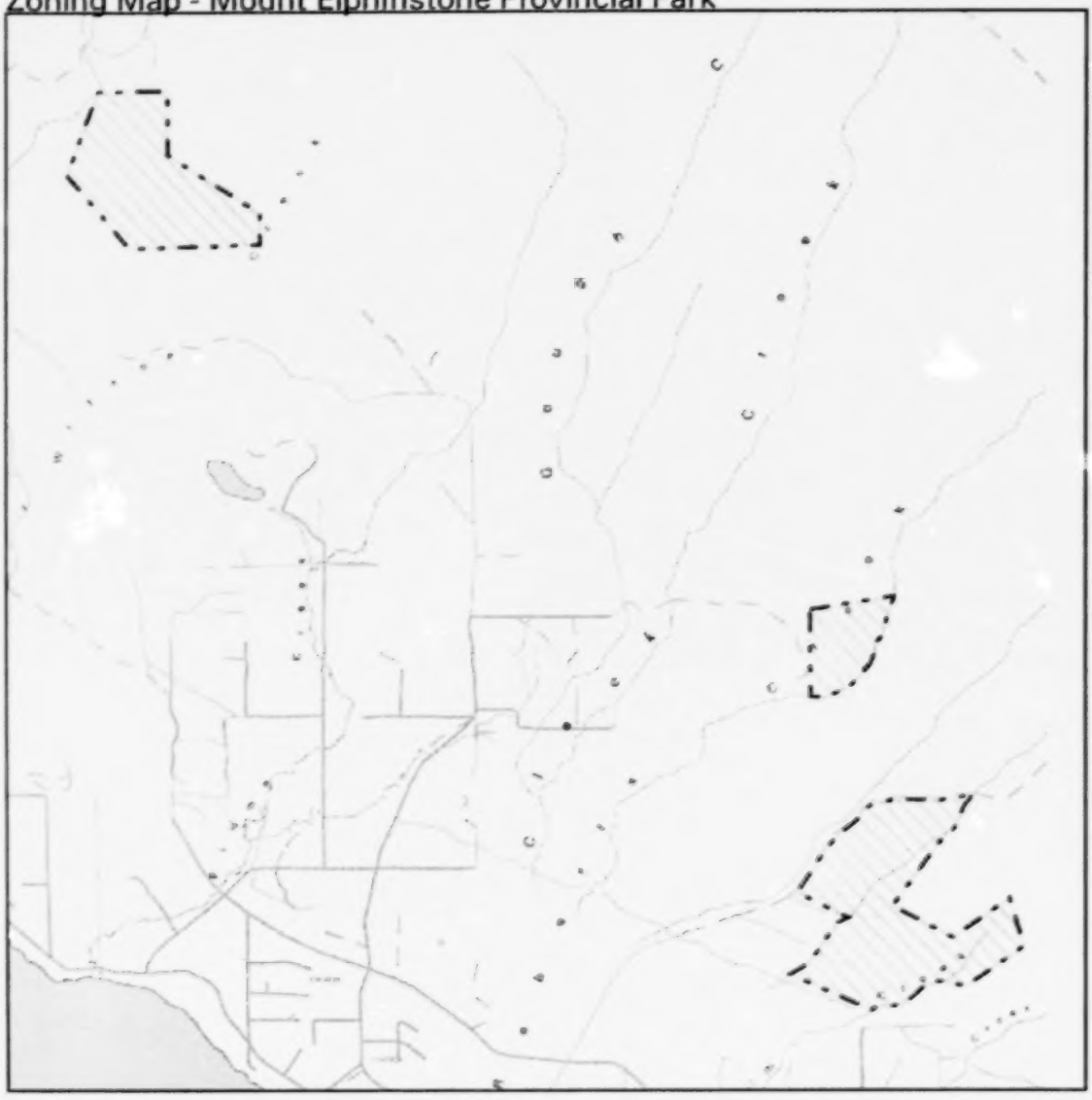
Other Management Considerations

Other Designations	☐	
Relationship to other PAs	☐	
Co-operative Management Arrangements	☐	
Partnerships	☐	
Vulnerability	☐	
Relationship to other Strategies	☒	Lower Mainland PAS.

Area: 139 hectares

Date of Establishment: June 29, 2000

Zoning Map - Mount Elphinstone Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83

Natural Environment
Protected Area Boundary

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